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ADVISORY ACTION

1. The amendment filed on 1/24/2008, in reply to the final rejection has been considered and will be entered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance. Amendments and applicant's remarks have been entered. Claims 1-5 and 19-28 are currently pending. Claim 6 is cancelled. Claims 7-18 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Rejections Withdrawn

2. In view of the Applicant's amendment and remark following rejections are withdrawn.

a) Rejection to claims 1-5, 21-22 and 25 is withdrawn.

Rejections Maintained

3. Claims 1-5 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is maintained for the reasons set for in the previous office action on 9/24/2007.

Status of the Claims

4. No claims are allowed.

Claims 1-5 and 19-20 are rejected.

Claims 21-28 are objected to as being depending upon a rejected base claim.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nina A. Archie whose telephone number is 571-272-9938. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00p.m..

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